

REMARKS

This application has been amended to formally "Cancel" the claims previously "Withdrawn" by the Examiner pursuant to a Restriction Requirement. The claims canceled by this Amendment include claims 16-22, 38-44, and 47. Claims 15, 37, 48-49, 62-63, 76-77, 81-82, 90-91, 95-96, 104-105, 116-117, 133, and 137-138 were previously canceled by Applicants.

Although Examiner Weisberger orally agreed to issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowance, canceling the claims as he is required to do according to M.P.E.P. § 821.02, and which was subsequently confirmed by his Supervisor, SPE James Kramer, via telephone, numerous communications with Examiner Weisberger and his SPE have not resulted in a resolution of this matter. Therefore, Applicants are submitting, herewith payment of the Issue Fee, this Amendment After Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, canceling the withdrawn claims.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendment, which is filed after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance and with the payment of the Issue Fee.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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